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22-14) on the Macao border. About 2,000 Communist troops are at Hsiaoheng-chin (113-31, 22-10), opposite Macao. Gunboats of the Communist customs station on Malaochiao (sic) Island (113-31, 22-09) have increased armament. Communists at this base gathered 60 to 70 fishing junks for an attack on the Fationalist naval base on Lafsami (sic) Island, resulting in a 20-minute battle with the gunboats.

A "few regiments" of Communist troops are concentrated at Chienshan (113-31.

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the Hong Kong press stated that recently a Comment. On Portuguese naval launch, after a short battle off Coloane Island (113-33. 22-08), forced 5 Communist gunboats to leave Macao waters. The Communists stated that their mission was to arrest Nationalist soldiers on a barge near the island.

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Comment. According to an independent, the Communists were preparing about 6,000 troops in Chungshon (1'3-36, 22-22) hsien for a movement against Vanshan Island (113-, 21-), which is now a base for 6 Nationalist naval patrol boats and about 3,000 marines. The Chinese Nationalist Air Force was watching the area closely for major troop and junk concentrations.

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